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109. The composition of claim 106 wherein the fabric is comprised of an aramid fiber.

110. The composition of claim 106 wherein the fabric is non-burning after a retroreflective ink has been applied to the fabric.

111. The composition of claim 110 wherein the ink is aqueous-based and the polymeric matrix comprises polyvinylidene chloride.

112. The composition of claim 110 wherein the polymeric matrix comprises polyvinyl chloride or other non-flammable plastisol.

113. A composition that is a fireproof or fire retardant fabric printed or coated with a retroreflective ink which is comprised of retroreflective elements in a polymeric matrix, the fabric is comprised of a structural component that chars before it melts, the ink is comprised of an ink as claimed in claim 70.

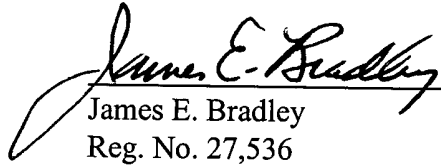
#### REMARKS

Applicant submits, therefore, that claims 57-113 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully request a speedy notice of allowance. If there are any outstanding issues, Applicant would appreciate a telephone call from Examiner.

Applicant believes that this Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Section 371 application, therefore, a Petition for Extension of Time is not necessary. Notwithstanding, to the extent an additional extension of time is necessary, please consider this a petition therefor. Please charge any additional fees to deposit account no. 50-0259 (069918.000002),

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